So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF A NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1296, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1296, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

# [Roll No. 533] YEAS—404

Abercrombie Carter Filner Ackerman Castle Flake Aderholt Castor Forbes Alexander Cazayoux Fortenberry Allen Chabot Fossella. Chandler Altmire Foster Foxx Andrews Childers Frank (MA) Arcuri Clarke Baca Clay Franks (AZ) Cleaver Bachmann Frelinghuysen Clyburn Bachus Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Baldwin Cohen Gerlach Barrett (SC) Cole (OK) Giffords Conaway Gilchrest Bartlett (MD) Cooper Gillibrand Barton (TX) Costa Gingrey Courtney Gohmert Becerra Cramer Gonzalez Crenshaw Berkley Goode Crowley Goodlatte Berman Berry Cuellar Gordon Biggert Culberson Granger Bilbray Cummings Green, Al Bilirakis Davis (AL) Green, Gene Bishop (GA) Davis (CA) Grijalva Bishop (NY) Davis (IL) Gutierrez Blackburn Davis (KY) Hall (NY) Blumenauer Davis, David Hall (TX) Blunt Davis, Lincoln Hare Boehner Davis, Tom Harman Bonner Deal (GA) Hastings (FL) Bono Mack DeGette Hastings (WA) Delahunt Boozman Haves Boren DeLauro Boucher Dent Hensarling Diaz-Balart, L. Boustany Herger Herseth Sandlin Boyd (FL) Diaz-Balart, M. Boyda (KS) Dingell Higgins Brady (PA) Doggett Hill Braley (IA) Donnelly Hinchey Broun (GA) Doolittle Hirono Brown (SC) Doyle Hodes Brown, Corrine Hoekstra Drake Buchanan Dreier Holden Holt Burgess Duncan Burton (IN) Edwards (MD) Honda Butterfield Edwards (TX) Hooley Ehlers Buyer Hoyer Calvert Ellison Hunter Inglis (SC) Camp (MI) Ellsworth Campbell (CA) Emanuel Inslee Emerson Israel Cantor Capito Engel Issa Capps English (PA) Jackson (IL) Capuano Eshoo Etheridge Jackson-Lee Cardoza (TX) Jefferson Carnahan Johnson (GA) Johnson (IL) Fattah Carney Carson Ferguson

Johnson, E. B. Miller, Gary Serrano Johnson, Sam Mitchell Sessions Jones (NC) Mollohan Sestak Jones (OH) Moore (KS) Shadegg Jordan Moore (WI) Shays Shea-Porter Moran (KS) Kagen Kanjorski Moran (VA) Sherman Murphy (CT) Shimkus Kaptur Murphy, Patrick Keller Shuler Murphy, Tim Kennedy Shuster Kildee Murtha Simpson Kilpatrick Musgrave Sires Kind Myrick Skelton King (IA) Nadler Slaughter King (NY) Napolitano Smith (NE) Kingston Neal (MA) Smith (NJ) Kirk Neugebauer Smith (TX) Klein (FL) Nunes Smith (WA) Kline (MN) Oberstar Snyder Knollenberg Obey Solis Olver Kucinich Souder Kuhl (NY) Pallone Space Lamborn Pastor Speier Lampson Paul Spratt Payne Langevin Stark Larsen (WA) Pearce Stearns Larson (CT) Pence Stupak Perlmutter Latham Sullivan Latta Peterson (MN) Sutton Peterson (PA) Lee Tancredo Levin Petri Tanner Lewis (CA) Pickering Tauscher Lewis (GA) Pitts Taylor Lewis (KY) Platts Terry Linder Poe Lipinski Thompson (CA) Pomeroy Porter Price (GA) LoBiondo Thompson (MS) Loebsack Thornberry Price (NC) Tiahrt Lofgren, Zoe Lowey Putnam Tiberi Lucas Radanovich Tierney Lungren, Daniel Rahall Tsongas E. Ramstad Turner Lynch Rangel Udall (CO) Mack Regula Udall (NM) Mahoney (FL) Rehberg Upton Maloney (NY) Reichert Van Hollen Manzullo Renzi Velázquez Marchant Reves Visclosky Revnolds Markey Walberg Marshall Richardson Walden (OR) Matheson  ${\bf Rodriguez}$ Walsh (NY) Matsui Rogers (AL) Walz (MN) McCarthy (CA) Rogers (KY) Wamp McCarthy (NY) Rogers (MI) Wasserman McCaul (TX) Rohrabacher Schultz McCollum (MN) Ros-Lehtinen Waters McCotter Roskam Watson McCrery Ross Watt McDermott Rothman Waxman Rovbal-Allard McGovern Weiner McHenry Royce Welch (VT) McHugh Ruppersberger Weldon (FL) McIntyre Rvan (OH) Weller McKeon Sali Westmoreland McMorris Sánchez, Linda Whitfield (KY) Rodgers T. Sanchez, Loretta Wilson (NM) McNernev Wilson (OH) McNulty Sarbanes Wilson (SC) Meek (FL) Scalise Wittman (VA) Schakowsky Meeks (NY) Wolf Melancon Schiff Schmidt Woolsev Mica Michaud Schwartz Wu Yarmuth Miller (FL) Scott (GA) Miller (MI) Scott (VA) Young (AK) Miller (NC) Young (FL) Sensenbrenner NOT VOTING-30

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1858

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced

as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, today, July 24th, I had an unexpected emergency that required me to return to my Congressional District and I regretfully missed the last two rollcall votes of the day. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 532 on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 1368—Relating to the House procedures contained in section 803 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. Had I been present I would have also voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 533 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended to H. Res. 1296—National Child Awareness Month.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 28, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ELLSWORTH) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 24, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign encolled bills and joint resolutions through July 28, 2008.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4789

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 4789.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS
TO GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL
ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Ellsworth). Pursuant to section 1(b) of House Resolution 895, 110th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics: Nominated by the Speaker with

the concurrence of the Minority Leader:

Mr. David Skaggs, Colorado, Chairman

Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, California, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Ms. Karan English, Arizona, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Mr. Abner Mikva, Illinois, Alternate Nominated by the Minority Leader with the concurrence of the Speaker:

Mr. Porter J. Goss, Florida, Cochairman

Mr. James M. Eagen, III, Colorado, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Ms. Allison R. Hayward, Virginia, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B)

Mr. Bill Frenzel, Virginia, Alternate

# □ 1900

# LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Maryland, the majority leader, to tell us about next week's schedule.

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend, the Republican whip.

On Monday, the House will meet in pro forma session at 11 a.m. On Tuesday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and 12 p.m. for legislative business with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business. On Friday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business.

We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. The complete list of suspension bills will be announced by the close of business tomorrow, as is the custom.

I tell the Members that we will also consider the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs fiscal 2009 appropriations bill; H.R. 1338 the Paycheck Fairness Act; additional energy legislation; and any conference report available, possibly including the Higher Education conference report, the Amtrak conference report and the Consumer Product Safety Commission conference report.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend for the information.

On the first bill under a rule, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, will that be an open rule?

Mr. HOYER. We expect it to be an open rule, but we do expect to ask that amendments be prefiled so that Members will have notice of amendments.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank my friend for that.

In the past, we've had in previous Congresses an open rule on these appropriations bills. I don't recall a prefiling requirement, though I'm sure we will talk about that in the Rules Committee. In appropriations, whatever the amendment is has to be paid for out of the bill so it has always been felt that

that provides its own level of constraint. We would certainly argue for that kind of open rule.

I would yield.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Our thought is that both sides should have notice of what amendments are going to be considered, that all Members have notice of what is going to be considered. Obviously, there is no constraint on what amendment somebody might want to offer, but we believe that it would be helpful if Members had notice of what the substance of the amendments are so they can, if they want to support it, support it on the floor, if they want to oppose it, have the opportunity to come here and do so. But I think it will be our intention to ask that there be a notice requirement without restriction on the amendments that are asked but simply to give notice as to what the amendments are going to be.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank you for that information.

This will be the first appropriations bill on the floor this year. Do you anticipate other bills in September?

I would vield.

Mr. HOYER. Thank you for yielding. I would certainly anticipate more appropriations legislation coming to the floor in September, yes.

Mr. BLUNT. On that topic of September, since at the end of next week we wouldn't have a chance to talk about the upcoming schedule, does the gentleman have a sense of some of the priority legislation that we might consider in September?

Mr. HOYER. We have a number of pieces of legislation that are obviously pending. First of all, we are very hopeful that we will pass the extenders legislation which we sent to the Senate some, actually months ago, a couple of months ago, I think, which, as you know, ensures tax credits for alternative energy. Wind is particularly important. Boone Pickens was here, as you know, on the Hill talking to both Democrats and Republicans, the importance of that. Others have talked about that as well. As you know, they're trying to dispose of some of the "Coburn holds" as we call them. Some of those may be back. Obviously we will have to consider a funding resolution for government after we leave. My expectation is that will be a point of business. We're also talking about obviously, as you have read in the paper, and as I think, I'm not sure you and I have talked about a jobs bill and some continuing economic assistance to make sure our economy hopefully grows and does not certainly fall any deeper into recession. Those are some of the pieces of legislation.

I have mentioned some of the things that we hope to get from conference next week, mental health parity being one of those, higher education, the consumer products safety. Hopefully many of those may be dealt with next week. But if they were not, it is my expecta-

tion we would do those in September as well.

So those are some of the major things that I foresee for September. What we will have done next week obviously won't be on September, but if we haven't done them we will try to get them done in September.

Mr. BLUNT. On the extenders package, I'm hopeful we see that bill back here because it is one of the things we could do that would have energy impact. And I hope we could even consider whatever is the maximum time that we would be able to do there is what we should do.

On energy generally, yesterday, Mr. BOEHNER from Ohio and I, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. PUTNAM and others introduced a bill, the American Energy Act. It's a bill that is broad based and designed to promote American energy, conservation and invest in the future. Is there any opportunity for that act or other acts that we've had discharge petitions on, other bills, coming to the floor? And if not, what kind of energy legislation do you anticipate?

Mr. HOYER. As you know, we have considered a number of pieces of legislation which we were hopeful would move us in the direction of, A, producing more domestic energy through encouraging further drilling in those leaseholds already available, approximately 88 million acres that are currently available. We considered the Consumer Energy Supply Act today. Unfortunately, that didn't get sufficient votes. It got a lot of votes. It got a significant majority of the House. It did not get the two-thirds so we could move it to the Senate. We considered the DRILL Act which also received a majority of the votes which provided for both the 10.4 million acres in Alaska and the National Petroleum Reserve to be encouraged to be moved forward as quickly as possible to drill in that area, produce oil and petroleum in that area, which also encouraged, as you recall, the building of additional pipelines, both for natural gas and for petroleum products.

Next week, we will be considering—many people are very concerned about the fact that the price spikes which don't seem to go down consistent with the price of oil by the barrel, which has reduced significantly, but the gasoline price hasn't reduced. There is significant concern about the impact of speculation. We are going to consider that bill, I think, next week, as I indicated.

You say you have introduced this bill. I'm sure it will go to the committee. I haven't seen the bill. I will certainly talk to the various chairmen. I don't know how many committees will have jurisdiction over the bill. You say it's a comprehensive bill, maybe multijurisdictional, but I will certainly talk to the Chairs about the substance of the bill.

Let me say, the American public is obviously very concerned. Our position is we ought to drill. We ought to drill where we've given leases that exist.